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## Grave State Of Affairs

**Walking Boss from States Leads To Tampering With Railroad.**

**Switches and Signals on Canada Atlantic Interfered With by Strikers.**

**Government Will Not Make Any Tariff Changes This Session.**

From Our Own Correspondent.  
Ottawa, April 9.—The sectionmen's strike on the Canada Atlantic railway has taken a somewhat serious turn. Mountain, chief engineer, announced today that no negotiations will take place with the trackmen until the strike is declared off. This decision has been reached owing to the reports read from the roadmasters along the line that attempts were being made to tamper with the switches and signals, and to unwarrented interference of Grand President Wilson, the walking delegate from the States.

A deputation of Quebec lawyers interviewed Hon. Mr. Fitzpatrick and urged an increase in the salaries to Superior Court judges of that province.

It is stated that the government has decided not to make any tariff changes this session, but the duty on steel rails will be adjusted as soon as the government is assured that rails of a proper quality can be made in Canada.

Local Scotchmen talk about erecting a statue to the memory of General Sir Hector Macdonald.

A deputation of prominent local Irishmen waited upon the Chief of Police tonight and protested against certain theatrical posters on bill boards of the city in which the Irish race is caricatured. The chief replied he had no jurisdiction in the matter; his authority being limited to prohibition of posters that were immoral or indecent. The deputation will see the manager of the theatre tomorrow and ask for the removal of the posters, and if this is not done they promise a warm time to performers on Monday.

**STRIKE AVERTED.**

New York, April 9.—The strike of the employees of the American Hide & Leather Company was averted today when the men accepted the terms submitted by Manager Haight. The tanneries will continue in full operation if the railway is able to supply sufficient tanbark.

**STOCK BROKERS INDICTED.**

Halifax Grand Jury Causes a Sensation Among Financiers.

Halifax, April 9.—The grand jury brought in a true bill against all the stock brokers in Halifax, charging them with keeping gaming houses. The grand jury's action has caused a sensation in the financial circles of the city.

**THE HOLLAND STRIKE.**

Traffic Paralyzed and Soldiers Fraternize With the Strikers.

Berlin, April 9.—Numbers of Russian and Polish emigrants bound for the United States are delayed at the railroad stations on the Holland frontier. On the lines going to Rotterdam freight traffic continues suspended. Only through passenger trains, maintained by the higher railroad employees and naval engineers, are moving. Dutch troops guarding the railroad property in Holland are reported by frontier correspondents to be fraternizing with the strikers, and the newspapers say it is not probable that the soldiers will fire on the strikers if they are ordered to do so.

## WINNIPEG AND THE NORTHWEST

**Aged Farmer Killed While at Work—Matters Political.**

From Our Own Correspondent.  
Winnipeg, April 9.—Michael Culham, founder of Culham, a settlement at Regina, was killed today while harrowing in the fields. Deceased was 70 years of age, and with his sons worked a farm of over 1,000 acres. He came West from Wellington County, Ont.

George Patterson was nominated today as the Liberal candidate for Deloraine, J. Agnew will represent the Conservatives of Virden.

R. F. Lyons was renominated by the Conservatives of Norfolk and District by the Liberals, of Gilbert Plains. D. A. Ross is in the field as an Independent Liberal candidate for Springfield.

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## KING GEORGE'S ORDERS.

Officials and Wives to Wear Gala Dress and Hail Monarch's Return.

Dresden, Saxony, April 9.—King George returns here from the South on May 3, and circular letters have been published by the state railroad and inland revenue authorities directing all the officials with their wives and daughters to appear in the streets and welcome the King. The railroad circular requests them to wear white dresses. The revenue authorities in their circular have requested the women to wear light colored dresses.

**TIDE OF IMMIGRATION.**

Great Stream Setting Towards the Northwest From All Parts.

Halifax, April 9.—The Allan liner Laurentian arrived from Glasgow this morning, and landed 28 saloon and 466 steerage passengers, the latter mostly Scotch and English, bound for the Canadian Northwest.

The Allan liner Numidian, with mails and 48 saloon, 135 second cabin and 737 steerage passengers arrived last night. St. Paul, April 9.—Seventy cardinals of cardinals' effects will leave Wheaton, Minn., for Assiniboia, Canada, this week.

**MUTINEERS COMMITTED.**

Crew of Veronica to Stand Trial for Murder of Captain.

Toronto, April 9.—The News' London cable says: Monson, Ran and Smith, three sailors, have been committed for trial for the murder of the captain and six others of the ship of the St. John's. They are charged with arson and conspiracy. The two other men who were connected with the murder have turned King's evidence. They make the plea that they were forced into the conspiracy with the others, and that, defenceless, could not help themselves.

## The Merger Is Declared Illegal

**The Northern Securities Company Enjoined From Acquiring Further Stock.**

**Morganization of Great Northern and Northern Pacific Blocked.**

St. Paul, April 9.—The United States Circuit Court of Appeals today handed down a decision in the suit of the United States against the Northern Securities Company enjoining the company from voting the stock of the Northern Pacific or Great Northern railroad companies but allowing the return of such stock as had been delivered to that holding company. The substance of the order is in the decree which is as follows: "A decree is entered in the following effect, adjudge that the stock of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern (Railway) Companies now held by the Securities Company was acquired in violation of a combination among the defendants in restraint of trade and commerce among the several states, such as the anti-trust act denounces as illegal; enjoining the Securities Company from acquiring or attempting to acquire further stock of either of said companies, also enjoining it from voting such stock at any meeting of the stockholders of either of said railway company or exercising or attempting to exercise any control, direction or supervision of influence over the acts of said companies or either of them, by virtue of its holding such stocks; enjoining the Northern Securities Company, its officers, directors, and agents, from permitting such stock to be voted by the Northern Securities Company or any of its agents, or attorneys on its behalf at any corporate meeting of either of said companies, or of either of said companies, and likewise enjoining them from paying any dividends to the Securities Company on account of said securities, and enjoining the Securities Company to return and transfer this stock to the stockholders of the Northern Pacific and Great Northern Companies, and all shares of stock of these companies which it may have received from such stockholders in exchange for its own stock, or to make such transfer and assignment to such person or persons as are now the holders and owners of its own stock originally issued in exchange for stock of said companies."

(Circuit Judges Caldwell, Sanborn, Thayer and Van Devanter heard the case, and all concurred in the opinion, which was written by Judge Thayer.)

The United States Circuit Court of Appeals in this city. A copy was filed in St. Louis where considerable testimony was taken. The defendants are the Northern Securities Company, the Northern Pacific Railway Company, the Great Northern Railway Company, James Hill, William P. Clough, D. Willis Jones, John S. Kennedy, J. Pierpont Morgan, Robert Bacon, George F. Baker and Daniel S. Lamont.

New York, April 9.—J. Pierpont Morgan said: "Until I see full text of the decision, I should not care to express an opinion on it. That much is certain, however, it will not rest where it is. The question of the right of two or more railroads to be operated by a holding company will be taken to the United States Supreme Court. Instead of looking upon the decision of the court today as a blow to railroad enterprise, I should say that the reverse is the case. Capital all over the country is anxious to know its rights in the matter of railroad construction and operation. Railroad men want to know where they stand. The decision today is just a step closer to a decision from the Supreme Court, which shall be final for ever if the Northern Securities had won today, the government's attorney would probably have appealed. The question was of such importance that an appeal was assured, no matter who won. These facts are plain. Both railroads held by the Northern Securities Company still exist, and are doing a good business. When railroad men know exactly how the law is to be interpreted they will find good ways to see that properties are operated economically and profitably."

A conference of the leading financiers was held this afternoon in the office of J. P. Morgan & Company to discuss the details of the decision, and its bearings upon railroad properties in the future.

Hunt Club races at Colwood Park, Easter Monday. Special train leaves E. & N. depot at 1:45 p. m., returning after luncheon. Fifth 12-cent fund in attendance.

## Vancouver News In Brief

**Enthusiastic Addresses by Officers of New Branch of Mining Association.**

**Ram of the New Government Steamer Suffers Through a Collision.**

**Business Men Advocate Establishment of Agency in New York.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

Vancouver, B. C., April 9.—Night-gale vs. the Union Colliery was an appeal of the kind that could not be avoided. Mr. Night-gale was killed in a bridge accident on the colliery company's railway some time ago. The original trial was held at Vancouver. The appeal is now being heard at the late Mr. Night-gale's relatives.

The ram of the Dominion steamer Kestral was smashed today by transfer barge No. 1 bumping into her, having been driven against her by the wind.

In addressing the organization meeting of the Mining Association last night, Mr. Night-gale's relatives, Mr. D. Haywood, Geo. Turner, E. P. Gilman, Wm. Godfrey, C. Sweeney, A. Hirschfeld, H. T. Lockyer, T. J. Smith, Dr. Carroll and W. K. Robertson, President Rand being called upon, said he would do all in his power to advance the interests of the association. He referred to the Victoria convention as a credit to the province, and reviewed the splendid work done at the convention. He recalled the work of the association in settling the Pernie strike was worth many times over, the financial assistance given them by the government. The following members were chosen as the executive committee: A. St. G. Haywood, Geo. Turner, E. P. Gilman, Wm. Godfrey, C. Sweeney, A. Hirschfeld, H. T. Lockyer, T. J. Smith, Dr. Carroll and W. K. Robertson.

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## THE PEOPLE'S TAVERNS.

Toronto, April 9.—The People's Tavern Company, with a capital of \$100,000, is applying for incorporation. The object of the company will be to furnish places of temperate entertainment.

**SURCEASE TO SORROW.**

Montreal Lady Recovers \$1,999.99 for Shocks Received.

Montreal, April 9.—Mrs. Catherine Tucker today received a verdict of \$1,999.99 against the Montreal street railway. She was in a car which left the rails and declared she had sustained a severe shock, both physical and nervous.

**BRITISH CORN TAX.**

Montreal, April 9.—The Star's London cable says: Right Hon. Mr. Ritchie, chancellor of the British Exchequer, in reply to the Co-operative Congress, indicated that no remission of the corn tax was probable. He also denied the protective character of the tax, and added that the British working classes could not share in the choosing of government without contributing to the expenditure.

**BATTLESHIP MAINE DISABLED.**

Decks Sprung and Turrets Out of Gear Through Firing.

Washington, April 9.—The new battleship Maine, with decks sprung and the turning gear of the 12-inch turrets out of gear, has been ordered to Hampton Roads, where a consultation will be held by representatives of the Navy Department and the Cramps as to the condition of the great battleship and how and where she shall be repaired. The foundations of the turret of the new and powerful 6-inch 50-caliber guns have been shown to be insufficiently rigid after gunfire, and the 12-inch turret gears are out of order, this being evidently the result of attempts to fire the 12-inch gun.

## Shamrock I Badly Beaten

**New Challenger Sets a Pace Predecessor Is Unable to Match.**

**Proves Herself as Good Down the Wind as on Any Other Point.**

Weymouth, April 9.—Over a thirty-mile course, fifteen to leeward and fifteen to windward, Shamrock III, today beat Shamrock I, by 17 minutes and 20 seconds.

Hitherto the challenger had shown weakness down the wind, but today she won on this point of sailing as on any other, and better points than she had heretofore shown herself.

Over ten minutes on the run out from the starting point at Lulworth Cove and over 7 minutes on the beat home-ward were the challenger's sensational gains over the older boat.

In the opinion of experts, Shamrock III, was really driven for probably the first time on this windward turn, Shamrock I, was hopelessly beaten from start to finish, and was wholly unable to match the pace set by the challenger. The latter passed the winning mark over 17 minutes ahead of Shamrock I. This appears to be a notable victory and over 7 minutes on the beat home-ward were the challenger's sensational gains over the older boat.

The official times were: Start—Shamrock I, 9:58:00; Shamrock III, 9:56:27. Seven miles to leeward to the turning of Lulworth Cove—Shamrock I, 10:35:50, Shamrock III, 10:40:12. Fifteen mile run down the wind to Erin—Shamrock I, 1:30:10; Shamrock III, 1:49:04. Fifteen mile beat home—Shamrock III, 1:43:30; Shamrock I, 1:50:34.

A fifteen mile run to leeward and a beat home, giving a leeward and windward test of thirty miles, under conditions as similar as possible to those to be expected during the races for the America's cup off Sandy Hook, was the course set for the two Shamrocks today.

The breeze was very light, not over five knots, as the boats under club topsails ran up for the start, and were sent off from a mark boat off Weymouth.

The Shamrock I, 10:00:55; Shamrock III, 10:01:00. The older boat was just showing clear on the weather bow of the challenger as they rounded the mark boat.

Jib topsails were broken out and the boats sailed off from across the mouth of the bay to get clear water for a straight run down the wind. During the reach Shamrock III, showed the same form that puzzled yachtsmen yesterday. After the challenger had closed in on Shamrock I, the latter opened away again, and as they reached past White Nose the older boat led by nearly half a minute.

**HILARY BELL DEAD.**

New York, April 9.—Hilary Bell, the dramatic and musical critic of the New York Press, dropped dead in the barge office today. Heart failure is believed to have been the cause of death.

**ASTOR'S PURCHASE.**

London, April 9.—Wm. W. Astor has purchased Castle Hever, near Seven Oaks, Kent. The estate, which is said to be the birthplace of Anne Boleyn, contains many relics. The price paid was \$185,000.

**PUGILIST SUMMONED.**

Boston, Mass., April 9.—Geo. Gardiner, the pugilist, who defeated Peter Maher at the Maverick Athletic Association meeting Monday night, has been summoned in the East Boston court to answer to a charge of assault and battery. A hearing will be given on Tuesday.

**DECISION REVERSED.**

New York, April 9.—The appellate division of the Supreme Court today handed down a decision reversing the judgment of the lower court in the case of Christine H. Hinsdale, as executrix of the will of Edward C. Hinsdale, against the New York Central & Hudson River railway. The plaintiff obtained a verdict of \$4,000 against the railroad for the death of Mr. Hinsdale in the collision on the Park Avenue tunnel on January 19, 1902.

**FATALITIES.**

Toronto, April 9.—Mary Damer, 55 Matilda street, died from a dose of carbolic acid taken with suicidal intent.

Gloucester, April 9.—Moody Shubart was killed by the explosion of a shot at the reservoir mines last night.

## Royal City Happenings

**Tug Makes Things Lively for Workers on Fraser River Bridge.**

**Westminsterians Chortle at Convict Jones' Recent Vancouver Escapades.**

**Possibility of Friction Between Fish Wholesalers and the Union.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

New Westminster, April 9.—What came near being a bad accident occurred Tuesday night as the tug Albion, having in tow the new car ferry Sidney, passed between the piers of the Westminster bridge on the way up the river to Liverpool. In order to make a landing at the latter place more easily, the tug dropped her tow line, and backing up, essayed to make fast alongside the big car ferry. Scarcely enough allowance was made for the tide, however, and the big bulk crashed into a couple of large scows which were moored at one of the new bridge piers. The scows were torn from their moorings, but not damaged, and were subsequently recovered four miles down river. The pier was in no way damaged, but the hull of the big transfer was somewhat hurt above the water line, though not materially. The Sidney was not greatly admired, but she is scarcely finished.

Citizens here were rather amused than otherwise when they learned of the escape from the Vancouver jail of the convict Jones, this morning. Vancouver had scarcely got through having the laugh on the Westminster jail officials, and was priding himself on capturing the convict, when the news came that a companion from the provincial jail was chronicled in last week's Colonist. However, as was very evident, there was some shadow of excuse in the former case.

It looks as if there might be friction between the local wholesale dealers in fresh fish and the Fraser River Fishermen's Union. It would seem that the Vancouver merchants thought to do a good stroke of business for themselves, and arranged with the owner of a small steamer to visit the camps and boats of the fishermen who are now opening spring salmon nets, and to buy all the salmon he could and forward it to Vancouver. Some time ago the Fishermen's Union and the local shippers entered into an agreement regarding the price of spring salmon, and under the schedule then fixed, the fish are now worth five cents per pound in the boats. But the trouble arose, so a leading dealer alleges, in a member of the union acting as Vancouver's purchasing agent, and inducing other union fishermen to sell to him for half a cent higher than the rate fixed by the union. Under this arrangement the Vancouver buyers are certainly paying a good price for their fish for the sole purpose of making sure of the supply, but it is not in the nature of things that they will continue to do so very long, and then the offending fishermen will have to make their peace with the local dealers.

Just here it may be remarked that the local Fishermen's Union is a strong, healthy organization, with level-headed, intelligent and reasonable men at its head, and these men enjoy the respect of all the bona fide fishermen on the river. The fact that they decline to be dictated to by longshoremen who are in a large majority in the now defunct Vancouver lodge, is probably the reason for the recent disparaging remarks by J. H. Watson, prominent in the Trades and Labor Council of the Terminal City.

The local factory for turning out automatic canning machines (the Schenck Machine Works) is running full strength and overtime, to keep up with orders. The indications are that by installing extra lines of machines, the capacity of nearly every cannery will be greatly increased for the ensuing season, and there will be little heard of salmon going to waste when the big "run" is on.

## CARPENTERS' ULTIMATUM

**Brotherhood in Montreal Gives Employers Six Days to Prevent Strike.**

From Our Own Correspondent.

Montreal, April 9.—The United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, with a membership of 1,750 in Montreal, today sent an ultimatum to the master builders giving them until April 15 to grant a nine-hour day and minimum wage of 22½ cents per hour, double pay for holiday labor, and other concessions. Failing to comply, a strike will be ordered, and the building operations in the city be brought to a standstill. The employers have called a meeting for tomorrow.

**CROOKS CAUGHT.**

Syracuse, N. Y., April 9.—In a gang of ten alleged crooks now in custody here, the police believe that they have four burglars wanted for crimes in Albany, Troy and other places. They are Daniel Gilmore alias "Chud", John Kearney alias "Albany Whitey", Peter J. Brady alias "Troy Red" and James Clark alias "English Bill." They were arrested today.

## KEEN THROWS UP THE SPONGE

**Abandons His Pool to West Southern Pacific From Harriman.**

New York, April 9.—Official announcement was made today of the dissolution of the Southern Pacific pool, which has been engineered by Jas. H. Keen and the firm of Talbot J. Taylor & Company. Mr. Taylor made the announcement. He said also that the stake in the pool had been distributed. Mr. Taylor confirmed the report that Mr. Keen is to take a trip to Europe.



## NEW RAILWAY ACT DISCUSSED

Leading Dominion Transportation Officials Review Proposed Legislation.

Montreal, April 9.—A thorough study of the proposed new Railway Act from the railway companies' standpoint, was the topic of a conference of the chief executive officers of the different Canadian railways held at the Grand Trunk Railway Company's general office today. The meeting was called by C. H. Hayes, second vice-president and general manager of the Grand Trunk Railway, and among those present were: Wm. A. McNeill, general controller and manager of the Grand Trunk Railway; D. McNeill, second vice-president and general manager of the Canadian Pacific Railway; C. Dringwater, secretary of the Canadian Pacific Railway; H. B. Ledyard, of the Michigan Central Railway; E. J. Chamberlain, of the Canada Atlantic Railway; Wm. McKenzie, of the Canadian Northern Railway; Frank Grundy, of the Quebec Central Railway; N. N. Scott, of the Quebec and Lake St. John Railway; E. H. Fitzhugh, of the Central Vermont Railway; and general solicitors of the different companies.

At the close of the meeting the announcement was made that after carefully considering the proposed act, it has been decided to recommend to the government that some of the clauses should be changed, and that others should be added. A special delegation will await on the government immediately after the holidays, and will ask that changes be made before the act is brought before the House.

## LABOR TROUBLES AT DETROIT

Canadians Cross the River to See the Fun and One Is Shot.

Windsor, Ont., April 9.—The strike among the employees of the Canada Bridge Company at Walkerville, Ontario, resulted tonight in a fracas on the Detroit side of the river, in which one man was killed. The trouble was anticipated by closing of all bars this afternoon from 3 to 6 o'clock and swearing in of men of Walkerville Company of the 21st Fusiliers as special constables.

The rumor that the Detroit iron workers were preparing to make it hot for "scabs" employed by the Bridge Company, who reside in the American city, induced a large crowd of Walkerville citizens to go over in the ferry. With them were several of the so-called "scabs."

On landing a crowd of Detroiters began to maltreat them, Geo. Kennedy, a shipping clerk, was particularly badly beaten. He suddenly drew a revolver and fired into the crowd, hitting Michael Sullivan, of Windsor, Ontario, who died an hour afterwards. Sullivan had gone over to see the fun, and had been merely a spectator.

Thos. Ladue, of Walkerville, and a Detroit, unknown, were both so badly beaten with iron bolts that they had to be taken to the hospital. The arrival of a strong force of police stopped the row.

TO SETTLE STRIKE.  
New York, April 9.—A strong effort was made today to settle the strike of the carpenters here. At the invitation of some of the prominent builders affected, the executive committee of the Associated Board of Building Trades and the Master Builders' organization conferred. A representative of the Civic Federation was also present. The conference lasted three hours, but all attempts to reach an understanding proved abortive.

PROMENADE CONCERT.  
Good Programme Selected for Tomorrow Evening at Drill Hall.

An excellent programme has been prepared by Bandmaster Finn for the promenade concert tomorrow evening at the Drill Hall. Peter Bela's overture, "Lustspiel," is the first number, and the bright and dashing composition is one of the best selections in the repertoire of the band. Bandmaster Malcolm MacGregor is an euphonium soloist of rare ability, having played in some of the most touring concert bands in America, and he will be heard in a pretty obligato to Macbeth's intermezzo, "Forces." The "Prince of Pils" is the latest and best comic opera by Ladue, the composer of the "Burzomaster" and "King Dodo." Gounod's "March to Calvary," from "The Redemption," is an appropriate selection at this season of the year, when the eyes of the Christians are turned to the scene at Jerusalem over 1,300 years ago. The extras are by Masters Gordon and Armstrong, the two local young soloists on the cello and violin, respectively, who are about to leave for Germany. The programme in full follows:

- PART I.  
1. Overture—Lustspiel—Keler Bela  
2. Intermezzo—Forces—Macbeth  
3. Obligato for Euphonium—Bandmaster MacGregor  
4. Concerto for Violin—Haydn's Hymn to the Emperor—Leonard  
5. Master J. H. Gordon  
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Will Hold Easter Dance at A. O. U. W. Hall on Monday Evening.

A meeting of the Degree of Honor was held last night at A. O. U. W. Hall, at which final arrangements were made for the social and dance to be held on Monday evening. This dance, which is the first of the season, after the 40 days of Lent will be a most enjoyable affair, according to the ladies in charge of the arrangements, for they say good music has been secured, and no effort will be spared to have the floor in the best of condition, and, as for the supper, the repast to which the guests will sit down at midnight will be such as would tempt an appetite. It is to be an Easter dance, and appropriately is being held on Easter Monday evening.

The dance will be preceded by an interesting vocal and instrumental concert. The programme has been arranged by a committee of the ladies, and some talented entertainers have promised to take part in this part of the evening's entertainment. The work of decorating the hall for the coming dance will be commenced tomorrow.

## THE CIVIC CAD AND HIS COURT

Costly Effort to Make an Indian "Gin Up"—Recrudescence of Phil Chalk.

The Cadi was looking over the records when William Lawson stood up in the dock. He found that Lawson had a record. He had punched a Jap once, beaten his wife, and used obscene language, and when he admitted having assaulted J. Spolleghton, an Indian deck-hand, he was fined \$20 or a month.

Last night he was speeding messengers to seek the twenty.

It was some nights ago that he met the Indian on Wharf street, and asked him to "gin up."

"Gin," said Lawson, I seek you coming out of the C. P. N. with your pay—and with this he laid hands on the native.

"Let go," said Spolleghton. "Not unless you give me ten cents to gin up," said Lawson, and then his first landed on the Indian's face. Two other Indians stepped up to stop the assault and the victim ran down the wharf, his assailant following.

The Cadi looked up from the records. "Have you anything to say," he said to the accused.

"Guilty, Your Honor, but I'd like to ask him a couple of questions." Then an argument started as to the place where they met on the night in question, the identity of the two men who were with him—Lawson alleging that they were different from those who appeared in the court.

"No, then two fellows was with me," said the Indian.

Well, said Lawson, I don't like to say you are one—but you are just the same. The year when the eyes of the Christians are turned to the scene at Jerusalem over 1,300 years ago. The extras are by Masters Gordon and Armstrong, the two local young soloists on the cello and violin, respectively, who are about to leave for Germany. The programme in full follows:

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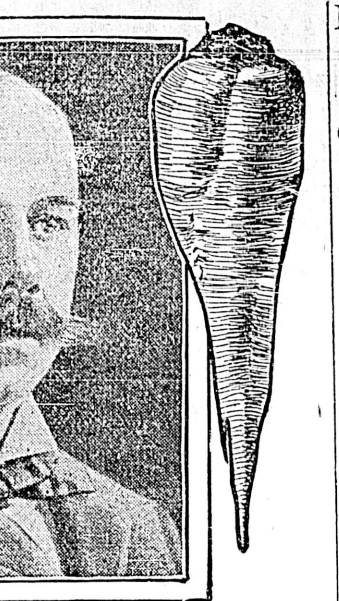
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## Success Assured For Festival

Work of Chorus at Last Night's Rehearsal Was Highly Praised.

Programmes of the Three Concerts Show Great Treat in Store.

Every effort should be made to attract visitors to Victoria from neighboring cities during the festival concerts to be held in the Drill Hall on the 7th and 8th of May. The works to be performed embrace the compositions of the most prominent British composers, a large chorus of selected voices have been most carefully trained for the great undertaking, and the music will be enhanced by the presence of an orchestra, chosen from the best instrumentalists of Seattle and Portland. Under these conditions, there is every assurance that the festival concerts here will be the most noteworthy in the musical annals of this city. The presence of such an eminent conductor as Sir Alexander Campbell, principal of the London Royal Academy of Music, and of such celebrated artists as Ethel Wood of London, soprano; Millicent Brennan, of Paris, soprano; Wilfrid Virgo, of London, tenor; Reginald Davidson, of London, baritone; R. Watkin Mills, of London, bass, and Arthur Dooley, organist, will make the occasion a memorable one.

The rehearsal of the chorus last evening at the City Hall under Mr. Frank Watkis, the festival solo-accompanist, was most satisfactory, and Mr. Watkis expressed great pleasure at the manner in which the chorus had acquitted itself. The chorus is splendidly balanced, with fine solidity of tone under excellent control, and when supplemented by the orchestra should be able to compare favorably with the chorus work of the other cities of the Dominion in the series of festival concerts from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The programmes of the three festival concerts to be given in this city were received yesterday, and a glance at these programmes, as published hereunder, will give an idea of the treat in store for music-lovers.

Thursday Evening, May 7.  
The National Anthem.  
Overture—"The Little Minister," A. C. Mackenzie, orchestra.  
Dedicated by gracious permission to His Majesty King Edward VII. Performed at the Solemnity at Westminster, and at the "Onward, Awake Beloved, Colebridge Taylor, (from Hawahani); Wilfrid Virgo.

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## NINETY PER CENT RETURN

Collapse of Formidable Strike in Holland is Now in Sight.

The Hague, April 9.—Ninety per cent of the employees of the Netherlands had had resumed work. The iron workers are resolved to continue the strike, but the carters have refused to quit work.

The officials of the state railroads, it was announced today, refused the proposal of the railroad employees' union to enter into an agreement for the settlement of the dispute.

The workmen's defence committee has offered to call off the strike if the proposed "grammatical anti-strike" laws are abandoned, otherwise the committee has decided to proclaim a general strike of all the trades throughout the country.

The dwellings of the employees of the government railroad who have not struck, are guarded by troops as protection to their wives and children. The bakers' shops and carts are similarly protected. Employees of the river and canal navigation companies have decided to strike in sympathy with the railroad men.

More trains are running today than yesterday. The pupils of the Locomotive Engineering Institute have unanimously tendered their services to the railroads, and a number are being employed as stokers.

The workmen's defence committee is anxiously awaiting reports from the delegates who were sent to Germany, France and England to appeal for the support of the trades unions of those countries.

HINTS OF SPRING STYLES.  
Keep money in the bank. If exposed to the light it will quickly granulate.

Appliques were never more used, and some very pretty effects are obtained by setting in medallions of heavy lace or braid, cutting away the cloth from the back, and lining with silk of the same or a contrasting shade.

The shops are now full of fresh, crisp summer fabrics, linens, muslins, organdies and ginghams, and while it does seem early to think of summer gowns, it is really much better to plan them now. Later the dressmakers and tailors will be rushed and cannot give time and attention to the summer gowns which will then be so soon needed.

Rubber rings or corks which have become hardened can be softened by soaking in several hours in a mixture of two parts of water to one part of ammonia. The time required will vary with the condition of the article.

Shirring is again a feature on many of the new gowns, and is very pretty in shirring and other sort of goods. Shirred yokes for the skirt; several rows of shirring at the top of a blouse, on the sleeves, and on yoke or waist of bodice makes a decoration particularly becoming to slender figures.

In men's ties the large de Joinville scarf is much in favor at this moment. Dark reds and greens are the most used colors.

Turning Down the Doctors.

The marvelous cures of Cataract are being made, and the thousands are daily recognizing the exceptional merit of this simple inhaler treatment, and instead of running to the doctor with their whiter eyes, they protect themselves by Catarrh. It kills cataracts in the head in ten minutes, quickly relieves Catarrh, Bronchitis, Asthma, Croup, and even even though all other remedies have failed, Catarrh is very pleasant, safe and convenient to use. Its best recommendation is its enormous sale; try it to day. Price \$1.00, small size 50c., at druggists.

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## One Man May Ride a Horse

to water but a hundred can't make him drink. Same way with advertising. It is an art matter to bring people to store, but the buying part rests with them. That's why we advertise exactly what we can do, no more, knowing that the suits we offer will do the rest. When you buy clothes why not the best? Cost you no more than the other kind.

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A Public Meeting Will Be Held at the CITY HALL

—ON—  
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At 8 o'clock p. m., to receive the report of the General Committee appointed in connection with the matter of the construction of a line of railway to the North end of Vancouver Island.

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Billiousness, sour stomach, constipation and all liver ills are cured by Hood's Pills

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HOHN.  
LUXTON—On the 8th inst., the wife of A. P. Luxton, "Oskel," Rockland avenue, of a daughter.

DIED.  
BISHOP—At the residence of her son, Mr. H. P. Bishop, No. 84 John street, Rock Bay, on the 8th inst., Eliza Elizabeth, relict of the late Caleb Bishop, a native of Portsmouth, Hampshire, England, aged 70 years and 6 months.

The funeral will take place from the residence as above on Saturday afternoon at 2:30 p. m.

Friends please accept this intimation.

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Easter Waists, Easter Silk Petticoats, New Easter Jackets, New Silk Coats, Easter Tailor-Made Suits, Easter Silk Skirts, Easter Dress Skirts, New Easter Caps.

To add interest to our many Easter displays, we have arranged to have the following special values on sale throughout the store on Saturday morning.

Ladies' Real French Kid Gloves; regular value \$1.50 a pair. . . . . \$1.00  
Special Saturday.  
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Hundreds of men will be wanting to buy something new to wear on Sunday. These two suggestions may aid you in deciding where to buy:

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## HARBOR COMMISSIONERS.

An agitation is on foot to approach the Dominion government to incorporate a Board of Harbor Commissioners in Victoria. The general object of the agitation is a worthy one, namely, to place the improvement of Victoria Harbor in the hands of a body competent to undertake the work in a systematic way, and no longer to leave it to happen. But at the same time, it is not a matter to which the people of Victoria should commit themselves without the most careful consideration of all the circumstances surrounding the trade and commerce of the port. The agitation calls for the constitution of a Harbor Board on similar lines to those of Montreal and Quebec. In connection with it a draft bill has made its appearance whose provisions are so preposterous that we should hope nobody out of Bedlam would for a moment propose to saddle the port of Victoria with a Harbor Board constituted on any such lines. If the City Council endorses the proposal for Harbor Commissioners, it should be very careful to express its repudiation of approval of any such appalling legislation. This draft bill provides for a commission of eight members, the chairman to receive a salary of not more than \$3,000 a year, and each member \$10 for every meeting he attends. In addition, provision is made for officers and servants and their retainer allowances. This, we believe, is a more expensive Board than is possessed by Montreal. The Montreal Board has invested over two and a half millions of the funds of Canada and supervises an income and expenditure upon a proportionate scale. Provision is also made for the collection of a revenue to meet those expenses. The Board is given power to levy dues upon vessels and upon goods both exported and imported from Victoria wharves. The essential feature of the bill is the constitution of a very expensive machinery for the control of the harbor, run by the levy of restrictive dues upon the commerce of the port. That is what this draft bill means. Is it what the people of the port should have to do? It is altogether too serious a matter for any mistakes to be made about it. The people of Victoria might find themselves in the awkward position of having repudiated an excellent idea because it was identified with a proposal with which it has really nothing to do. On the other hand, they might find themselves in the equally awkward position of having endorsed a proposal which looks good on general principles, and then being committed to details of the most preposterous and unworkable description. If a Harbor Board means any thing at all in the nature of the organization outlined in the draft bill which is going round, it is a grotesque absurdity. If it does not, we are entitled to know what it does mean in greater detail than is conveyed by the expression "similar" to Montreal and Quebec, because the conditions existing in Victoria are entirely dissimilar from those of either Montreal or Quebec. Does it, or does it not, mean the improvement of the harbor of Victoria by means of a revenue derived from port dues on vessels entering and clearing at Victoria, and on goods landed at or shipped from Victoria? If it does not mean that, from what source is it to be expected that revenue will be derived for the Harbor Commission to spend on Victoria harbor? These are surely fair questions. We find great enthusiasm for the idea of Harbor Commissioners, but we lack detail as to the scope of their operations, except that provided by an unsponsored document which is as fine a sample of midsummer madness as anything which, in the whole course of our existence, we have ever perused. If the revenue is to be derived from vessels and goods, Victoria is the second port of the Dominion in the number of vessels entering and clearing, the total number for the year ending 30th June, 1901, being 2,592. St. John's comes first with 3,128 vessels, Halifax third with 2,022 vessels, Vancouver fourth with 1,198 vessels, and Montreal a bad fifth with 810 vessels. But in cargo exported and imported of the ports mentioned, Montreal comes first with 1,070,275 tons, St. John's second with 703,065 tons, Halifax third with 578,406 tons, Vancouver fourth with 473,442 tons, and Victoria fifth with 81,020 tons. The only conclusion at which it is possible to arrive is that the vessels which swell Victoria's list do not come here because they have cargoes to receive or discharge, but for other reasons. Quite a large number of these statistical vessels resolve themselves into the daily entrances and clearances of the Majestic and Rosalie, the entrance and clearance of the San Francisco boats and the Empress, heavy port dues would be decidedly discouraging. People from British Columbia who desired to go to San Francisco might be invited to go to Seattle instead of Victoria to embark, and the C. P. R. might substitute its local service for the calling of the Empresses. The character of our ocean tonnage, and the fact that it is not the necessity of discharging cargo here which brings it

here, should be carefully considered before any proposal to tax its entrance and exit should be endorsed. There is another even more important consideration before we speak of a Harbor Commission on similar lines to those of Montreal and Quebec. The harbors of Montreal and Quebec receive no appropriation from the Dominion government out of revenue. We are of opinion that they were largely created to form a means of special revenue upon which the Dominion government could advance enormous sums on capital account. The improvements in these harbors stand as assets in the ledger of Canada, secured by the special revenue of the ports. Of course we know that in the case of Quebec the security is quite illusory; but it is highly probable that Victoria could exercise sufficient influence to play the game played by Quebec, and it is quite certain that the appropriation now made annually out of revenue would cease. Ottawa would at once say: "Oh, joy! Here is an opportunity to get rid of Victoria harbor. These people want means to raise a local revenue to improve their harbor. Let us give them what they want. It will save us \$15,000 a year, and we can consider an advance of capital when the Board shows us a revenue which will be security for the interest." That with a few gracious words about Western enterprise and self-reliance, will be the end of it until Victoria is politically strong enough to hold up a Dominion government. We have discussed this matter at some length because it is one in which the citizens of Victoria are vitally interested, and because it is one which needs careful analysis rather than enthusiasm, however commendable and necessary the latter element may be. Organized effort to improve Victoria harbor is highly necessary, and some body which will be a proper focus of Victoria's desires in that direction is essential, but whether the best method of doing that is by a statutory Board is doubtful, and we are quite certain that a statutory Board with power to levy dues would be disastrous.

## DISALLOWANCE.

There are many things that are allowable in political warfare, but one of the things which is not allowable is the falsification of documents to obscure a political issue. That is what the Times does in its issue of yesterday, and we can only hope that the falsification is unintentional, and not deliberate, and will be followed by retraction and apology. From the moment that the Immigration Act of British Columbia was disallowed, we have argued by analogy that it must have been disallowed upon the sole initiative of the Dominion government. Our grounds were the fact that the Imperial government had allowed similar legislation in Natal and in Australia, that Joseph Chamberlain had recommended its adoption in British Columbia, and later had expressed himself in South Africa most strongly upon the subject. Senator Templeman, in the Burrard campaign, and the Times newspaper in its columns, asserted that the disallowance had taken place under Imperial pressure. We thought that that egregious contention had been finally disposed of when Mr. R. L. Borden dragged the reluctant admission from Sir Wilfrid Laurier that the disallowance had taken place upon Canadian initiative and upon that alone. But no! The Times yesterday returns to the old statement and purports to quote a document in support of it, but it does not quote the whole of the document, nor does it give the document's date. It quotes a letter from the Japanese Ambassador to the Marquis of Lansdowne, dated the 7th of January, 1901, in which the Immigration Act of British Columbia is objected to. It then goes on to say: "The response to this communication was the following to the Canadian government: 'Her Majesty's government feel impelled, however reluctant they may be to cause inconvenience to the province, to press upon your ministers the importance in the general interests of the Empire of using the powers vested in them by the British North America Act, for cancelling these measures, to which Her Majesty's government object on grounds both of principle and policy.'" The Times then goes on to remark: "The foregoing is signed by Joseph Chamberlain and if it does not mean that the Dominion government was asked to disallow the measures in deference to Imperial policy, what can it mean? Two things immediately struck us as fishy about this quotation. The first was that Chamberlain should deal with a communication addressed to Lansdowne, and the second, that it should mention 'Her Majesty's government, when Queen Victoria died within fifteen days of the receipt of the Ambassador's letter. We felt immediately that we were on the track of something which we hesitate to characterize. As we keep a scrap book of all the documents we can gather connected with this question, we were not long in discovering the precise character of this evidence signed by Joseph Chamberlain. The letter containing this paragraph was written by Joseph Chamberlain two years before the letter from the Japanese Ambassador to Lansdowne was written, and long before the Immigration Act of British Columbia had ever been thought of. It is needless to say that the language he uses could not refer to either the one or the other. The Times states that it refers to both. We leave the matter here, and as we are quite sure the Times would not deliberately stoop to the fraudulent quotation of state documents, we make no doubt that it will take the first opportunity of correcting the impression under which its use of this particular paragraph might leave its readers.

## "IRRESPONSIBLE" BODIES.

Great wrath and annoyance have been stirred by a reference to the Chamber of Commerce as an "irresponsible" body. The trouble has arisen from failure to discriminate between the popular meaning and the technical meaning of the word "irresponsible." Alderman Barnard drew a distinction between the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce which does not, in fact, exist, and is himself to a large extent responsible for the incorrect interpretation of the language he used. Both

the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce are "irresponsible" bodies in the technical sense of the word, neither, we hope, in the popular sense. The possession of a charter or certificate of incorporation has nothing whatever to do with responsibility or irresponsibility. Any body which is responsible only to its own members for what it does, is technically an "irresponsible" body. A "responsible" body is a body free to act, but accountable for its actions, and liable to be brought to a reckoning by those who have created it. Responsible bodies are generally called into being either by election or appointment. Thus the police commission is a responsible body by appointment, while the City Council and the Legislature are responsible bodies by election. The English language is a very noble language, but it is lamentably deficient in its facilities for distinguishing between ideas conveyed by words which are entirely distinct from one another. The French language is very much superior to ours in this respect, and aldermen who wish to retain their popularity should be careful always to talk in French when they mention "irresponsible" bodies.

## FOR REVENUE ONLY.

We notice that two gentlemen in Vancouver, Mr. Robert Kelly and Mr. Frank Burnett, have applied to the Dominion government for a grant or lease of False Creek. With dredging, what they have applied for is capable of producing about a thousand acres of harborage and wharfage. The city of Vancouver has applied for the same privilege these gentlemen are now after. The commercial value of the concession is, we should imagine, enormous, even at the present, and the value it will some day possess almost incalculable. That men prominent in politics should be concerned in a proposal to turn a national asset of this magnitude into a source of private profit is a fair indication of their belief in the government as the trustee of the people. We do not blame them for doing so. They are quite within their rights in making this application. But we should blame the government very severely if it were granted. Yet we do not see why they should make it if they have not some expectation of its being granted. No body can reasonably blame enemies of the government for not having a higher opinion of it than its own friends.

It is rumored that Russia, Austria and Italy have a secret agreement looking to the partition of European Turkey.

The Toronto Globe defends the practice of inviting financial help from England for missions in Canada.

The House of Commons has passed a resolution against cigarettes, but the government is unlikely to implement the resolution by bringing in a Bill against them.

"Rhode Island," says the Toronto Globe, "has had an era of corruption in political affairs, but there is a healthy reaction apparent." From an Ontario newspaper such comment is sublime, particularly from the Ontario government organ.

The action taken by the Victoria Liberal Association, coupled with that of the associations of New Westminster, Nelson and Rossland, seats Mr. Joseph Martin firmly in the saddle as leader of the provincial Liberal party. What attitude are the disgruntled elements going to take in provincial politics?

Holland is having a serious strike on her railways. But Holland has a strong objection to the presence of German troops as aid in preserving law and order. The Kaiser offered them, but did not say how long they would remain if they were sent. Holland is afraid they might like the country so well that they would stay in it.

## LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

## ISLAND RAILWAY SURVEY.

Sir,—In this morning's Colonist Mr. H. P. Bell is trying to point out that Hardy Bay is not a safe harbor, and quotes in support thereof the B. C. Pilot. Mr. Bell has never seen the place, or he would not expose his reputation as a surveyor to write such foolishness. The Dominion government has just completed a wharf at the head of the outer harbor, which corresponds somewhat to the outer wharf at Victoria. Before this work was undertaken, Mr. G. A. Keefe, government engineer, and Capt. Walbran, of the D. G. S. "Hawshaw," went on a special trip to the Quada, and after sounding the bay, pronounced the harbor as the most commodious and safe on the north end of the island, and thereupon selected the site of the wharf. The reference in the B. C. Pilot refers to the inner harbor, which corresponds to the inner harbor at Victoria, and is a different matter. It is difficult of access to strangers, the same for Victoria harbor is, and for that very reason the government engineer selected a spot outside of it for the government wharf, on which the sum of \$4,000 has been expended. I believe this is the first instance of the Dominion government having built a wharf in this province for public use. If the government is not in the habit of spending money without due consideration for utility, it is not likely to have been done in the above instance. As our navigators are becoming more and more familiar with those waters nowadays than the reference of some 30 years back, which Mr. Bell assumes, it will be well for anyone wishing to know particulars of our Coast points to consult former, as nowadays steamers frequent points of our Western coast which, according to the reference of Mr. Bell, were considered inaccessible or dangerous to older navigators.

WM. MEYERS.

CHINESE TAX.  
Sir,—Your correspondent's tax on Chinese stores will gladly give \$25 to defray the legislation in view. I think he could use his \$25 to better advantage by subscribing to some enterprising fund to bring the Chinese and British Columbia trade and commerce of the blood from the congested districts of London, Liverpool, Manchester and other parts of Britain's Isles to fill the places of the Chinese domestics, and to make helpmates for our miners and farmers, who are languishing for home and its comforts. If petition will come to the front with his name, etc., I will state to the Chinese why the Club will be taxed \$10,000 instead of \$500 proposed.

W. G. EDEN.

## THE VOTERS' LEAGUE.

Sir,—The Voters' League is still in existence, and will again make itself felt when occasion arises. It is adjourned subject to the call of the secretary. On behalf of that irresponsible body I would thank you for having laid before the responsibility of arousing our provincial government to an active interest in the defensible iron, steel and other valuable assistance you afforded us through the columns of your paper, both at that time and previous to our taking the matter up. As there is still more to be done before this greatest of all industries in an established fact in our province, and particularly on Vancouver Island, it is opportune to remark that if those who stand aloof and criticize the Voters' League, but more willing workers, would bring their superior intelligence to bear actively upon this and

the many similarly important matters upon which our future prosperity depends, both which and Victoria will be richer thereby.  
A. J. MORLEY,  
Hon. Secretary.

## PRESS COMMENT.

The Seattle grand jury is of opinion that city government there would not suffer an irreparable shock if Mayor Tumey resigned, the chief of police threw up his job, and a majority of the city council retired to private life. Evidently the grand jury has a poor opinion of Seattle's public officials, and doubtless the condemned officials have little use for the grand jury.—Spokane-Review.

Mr. Monk has taken up the task laid down by Judge Fortin—that of providing the Dominion with a uniform insolvency law. There are few gaps in our business machinery more injurious than just this lack. Any one who imagines that it does not concern him, is mistaken, unless he never buys anything nor does any business in the country where he lives, who gets a suit of clothes at his tailor's, is out of pocket because we have no insolvency law.—Montreal Star.

The nation's drink bill affords no support to the idea that beer displaces whiskey. Since 1887 the per capita consumption of beer has increased from 14.04 to 17.49 gallons, but in the same period the per capita consumption of spirits has increased from 1.02 to 1.26 gallons. But the latter is less than it was in 1892 and 1893. In volume the consumption of coffee exceeds that of beer in value the consumption of coffee, tea and cocoa is only one-sixth that of the alcoholic drinks. Coffee is cheap and a formidable competitor of beer.—Philadelphia Record.

Another case of plague has been found in San Francisco and as in all of the preceding cases, the determination of the fact that it really was a case of plague came only after a single case which was examined. It is a startling fact, in considering the plague situation in San Francisco, that the only cases of plague which have ever been officially reported are cases wherein death has ensued. It is significant that there has never been a case of plague in which the patient was isolated and proper precautions were taken to prevent the spread of the disease.—Seattle Post-Intelligencer.

## MEN AND THINGS.

Rev. Charles M. Winchester of Middletown, N. Y., declares that a minister can live on \$12 a month if he lives alone, and still have some money left for the church. He says he does.

Sir Ernest Cassel has donated \$200,000 toward ophthalmic research in Egypt, the object of which is the training of native doctors in the treatment of ophthalmic diseases among the poor of Egypt.

James McNeill Whistler, the American artist, will receive the degree of doctor of laws at the forthcoming Glasgow and University graduation ceremony. The degree will be conferred in absentia, as, owing to the state of Mr. Whistler's health, he will be unable to be present.

Edwin S. Robbins, a manufacturer and business man, has died at his home in Greystone, Conn., spends every Sunday evening of his life in addressing religious gatherings in the particular city where his business pursuits take him.

Senator Ben Tillman presents in vigorous language the statement in a recent interview that he is accustomed to using the expression "By God, sah." Quoth the senator: "I never used such an expression in my life. When I want to use an expletive I use the real thing. No nimbly panning lugs about me."

M. M. Stephens, who has been mayor of East St. Louis for eight consecutive terms, has just received a single case which was expected of the citizens' party for a ninth term in that office. When he assumed the functions of the office in 1887 the city had but 11,000 inhabitants; now the census gives it 45,000.

## RISIBILITIES.

"Oh, Miss Gwace, I have a brain new command—one I made myself. It's jolly good; I'm sure you can't guess it. Why is this penny I hold in my hand like a messenger from Jupiter?"  
"I fear I must give it up."  
"Because it's one cent. By Jove, Kansas City Journal."

De Style—What did that polite man do after they got him strapped into the electric chair?  
Gumbast—He wanted to get up and offer a lady his seat.—New York Sun.

The philosophical man—It is curious how liquor will make a man have so good an opinion of himself.

Matter of Fact Man—Nothing curious about it; it makes a man rate himself at his full value. That's all.—New York Sun.

Impudence—Have you any idea what your father would say if I asked to marry you?  
Miss Booksey—No, George. Papa never uses that kind of language before me.—New York Sun.

"I wonder why the name plesiosaurus was applied to that animal?"  
"Probably for the purpose of being consistent and making the name as hard to spell as the beast is to describe."—Washington Star.

Grace—Do you not admit that a woman is the best judge of another woman's character?  
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The dominating colors of the season are here.  
Black, Black and White, White and Burnt Straw represent the largest proportion of the hats shown, but there are others in Navy Blue, Brown, Violet Light Blue and other colors.

**White and Colored Linens for Shirt Wasits.**  
The fashion journals have been telling about them all this season, 40c. to 75c. yard.  
**Separate Skirts.**  
Every rainy day—and April is apt to be full of them—makes a walking skirt a welcome part of woman's costume, and for fair weather the separate dress skirt to wear with a silk or cotton dress is needed, \$3.50 to \$15.00.  
**Rare Shoe Values SATURDAY.**  
Ladies' Satin Finish Kid Silk-faced Lace Shoe, in three widths, sizes 2½ to 7, \$2.50.  
Ladies' Vici Kid Opera Toe, Flexible Sole, Lace Shoes, in three widths, sizes 2½ to 7, \$2.00.  
Ladies' Dongola Oxfords, Medium Heavy Soles, \$1.25.  
Men's Kibo Kid, Neat, Up-to-Date, Well Lasted Shoes, worth \$5.00 of anybody's money. Saturday \$3.50.  
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## Local News

**Easter Millinery.**—The display of Easter millinery at the Columbia House, St. Douglas street, is extremely tasty, and well worth inspection of all lovers of the artistic and beautiful.

**Easter Table.**—The specialties advertised by the Saunders Grocery Co. are just what are wanted to complete your Easter table. Read their ad. for a list of specialties, and phone 28, and all will be well with you.

**Mass Meeting Tomorrow.**—A mass meeting of citizens will be held at the City Hall tomorrow evening to again take up the question of railway extension to the North end of the Island. The general committee will recommend the passing of a resolution urging the government to make an appropriation so that an immediate exploratory survey of the Island may be undertaken. It is anticipated that the meeting will prove a most important one, and a large attendance is desired.

**Pine Flag Presented.**—A handsome red cross flag, 32 feet in length, has been presented to the Jubilee Hospital by Turner, Beeton & Co., through its manager, Mr. G. A. Kirk. It is considered the finest and largest red cross flag in Canada. The flag is of local manufacture, and its folds will be hung to the breeze on the pole at the hospital grounds on Easter Monday. This gift is much appreciated by the directors of the hospital board, and also the thoughtfulness of Mr. Kirk in making such an appropriate donation.

**Sale of Work.**—Next Monday afternoon at 3 o'clock the young ladies of the Centralia Methodist church, Gorge road, will hold in the school room at the church a sale of work of both pretty and useful articles. In the evening an entertainment will be given, which promises to be very interesting. Prof. Hayes will be present, and with his pupils will add to the interest of the evening by playing several selections. It is expected that Madame Paan will be present, and as it will be her first appearance before a Victoria audience, a great deal of interest will doubtless be centered in seeing this distinguished lady.

**Mindreading and Magic.**—The performance of Signor Slitz in the Victoria theatre on Monday and Wednesday evenings, April 13 and 15, will consist of the complete exposure of mindreading and magic, as performed by all the noted mediums and magicians. James Lewis will appear in a funny sketch of his own. With the assistance of Signor Slitz' comedy troupe, composed of Francis Lissie, Ken Blackwell, James Walker and Oliver Palmer, he will present the comedy, "Medusa," full of funny situations and witty sayings. Signor Slitz will perform the great bullet-catching trick that has mystified hundreds of audiences. He also exposes the truth in mystery. The Signor has the reputation of being an entertainer of ability, and those attending can be assured of an evening of mystery and laughter.

**Government House.**—The palatial residence which will shortly be the domicile of His Honor, Lieutenant-Governor Joly, is approaching the stage when it will be finally turned over to the contractors. The carpenters are just now completing their labors on the interior woodwork, and in a few days the decorator will be at work on the interior. The interior adornment work in several of the apartments has proceeded sufficiently far to indicate that they will be of exceptional attractiveness. Four carloads of special furniture has already arrived from the United States, and the place is being decorated with flowers having been placed through Weiler Bros., and one car through D. Spencer. It is expected that the building will be ready for occupancy about a month's time.

**Affects Coffee Importations.**—A customs order received from Ottawa is to the effect that 30 days after date no Java green coffees or teas will be admitted to Canada free of duty unless accompanied by a certificate of production. The Canadian government has always allowed, as a special privilege, the importation of Java coffees and teas via Holland free of duty. This privilege has been withdrawn, as no customs union now exists between Java or the Netherlands East Indies and Holland. On this account importations from Java via Holland must cease or a duty of 10 per cent. ad valorem must be paid. On the other hand, it is still within the power of the importers to bring into Canada Java green coffees and teas free of duty, but all such importations must be made directly from Java—the place of production.

**The Orpheum.**—The people's favorite place of amusement is certainly presenting a very strong bill this week. The Swartz children are proving a great attraction. The musical Esmonds are wonders. The electric features are little short of marvelous. Next week they will present the La Kolos, high class jugglers, Clark the champion buck and wing dancer, also new moving pictures, and Mr. Fred W. Tracy will sing the illustrated song. Watch for the new sign, which is being constructed by the Nesbitt Electric Co. Mr. Esmonds, who is the proprietor of the "Crystal circuit," of which the Orpheum is one, is in Victoria to arrange for the best attractions that money can produce. The motto is "The best is none too good for our patrons, and is appreciated, to judge by the crowds that go to this popular place each day and evening."

**Freight Rates.**—At the meeting of the Board of Trade to be held on Friday evening next, further consideration will be given to the matter of acting in conjunction with the Vancouver Board of Trade in an endeavor to secure an equalization of freight rates between the Coast cities and Winnipeg at Calgary and Lethbridge, respectively, on the main line of the C. P. R., and on the Crow's Nest branch of the same road. It has been determined to maintain the agitation to a finish, and the services of an expert freight traffic man will be secured to go over the railway rates and ship tariffs for the purpose of properly preparing the case to lay before the C. P. R. The tariffs to be examined are from Eastern Canada by rail to Winnipeg; from Eastern Canada by rail to Winnipeg, and thence by water to Victoria; from the Orient by steamer and sailing vessel, Eastward by rail, and for the purposes of comparison the tariffs of American railroads will be minutely gone into.

No Paper.—Today being a public holiday, no paper will be issued from this office tomorrow.

**Flowers for Hospital.**—Flowers and potted plants, especially scarlet geraniums, will be gratefully accepted by the flower committee of the Royal Jubilee hospital for the Easter festival.

**Shareholders' Meeting.**—The annual general meeting of the shareholders of the Mount Sicker and Breton Mines, Ltd., will be held at the office of Higgins & Elliott on Thursday afternoon, 23rd April.

**Elected Officers.**—The new officers of the Blacksmiths' Union are as follows: President, W. J. Ledingham; vice-president, Mr. Robinson; secretary, P. W. Jeeves; treasurer, Arthur Bent; financial secretary, J. Woods; sentinel, Mr. Steele; conductor, F. Devsmap; committee to wait upon the Trades and Labor council, W. J. Ledingham and A. Virtue.

**Lectures on Literature.**—Rabbi Cohen is still willing to undertake the course of lectures on English literature or history, and promises to give a series of three months. All desirous of taking advantage of this course are urged to hand in their names at once.

**Will Appeal.**—A decision to appeal against the judgment of Mr. Justice Drake in the matter of the quashing of the Craigflower Road Closing Bylaw, was reached by the council last night, sitting as the Streets, Sewers and Bridges committee. Little other business of importance was transacted.

**Stage Service to Lake.**—The usual stage service during the summer months from Duncan to Cowichan lake has been inaugurated. The stage will leave Duncan every Monday, Wednesday and Friday after arrival of the E. & N. train from Victoria. Through tickets from Victoria and Nanaimo on sale good for 15 days from date of issue at the usual rate.

**At a Ripe Age.**—Joseph C. Hucks, aged 75 years, and a native of Whitby, Ontario, died last evening at the residence of his son-in-law, the Rev. Joseph McCoy, M.A., Alfred street. The funeral is arranged for tomorrow at 2 p.m., from the above residence. The Rev. Dr. Campbell and Rev. Mr. Fraser will conduct the services.

**Advance in Coal.**—Local coal dealers have advanced the price of black diamonds 50 cents per ton, making the price now \$6.50. The latter quotation has all along been in Vancouver, and the advance is being favored here owing to a special arrangement with the mine owners. A shortage of coal is feared if the labor troubles continue.

**Of Interest To Farmers.**—Hon. C. H. Smith, of Minnesota, is delivering a series of interesting addresses to farmers. Today he will address a meeting at Richmond on "Home-making." Tomorrow he will speak at Steveston on "Stabling and Care of Dairy Cows." Mr. Smith, who is an able and forceful speaker, will also deliver addresses at points on Vancouver Island.

**Easter Organ Recital.**—The concluding recital of the present series will be given at St. John's church on Sunday after the evening service, when, in addition to the solos by the organist, vocal selections will be given by the following: Mrs. Beyer, Misses B. and D. Sehl, La-Col. Moore and Mr. Ives. Mr. Edgar Fawcett will play a violin solo.

**Children's Carnival.**—The preparations for the children's carnival are nearly complete. The drills under the management of Miss Stone, of the Royal College of Music, are progressing rapidly. The Mandolin Club, under the leadership of Mr. Jesse Longfield, will give another audition for the evening, and an especially pleasing programme may be looked for.

**Bazaar at Colwood.**—The Friends in Need Circle, of Colwood, will hold a sale of work on Saturday afternoon at the Colwood school. Many articles will be offered for residents' garments and fish ponds. Afternoon tea will also be served. During the evening a taffy-pull has been arranged, for which special prizes will be given. An excellent programme will be rendered during the progress of the evening.

**Hospital Matters.**—Nothing definite was agreed upon at the conference yesterday morning between the Mayor and Aldermen, and a committee from the Board of Directors of the Provincial General Hospital respecting the desirability of the latter body assuming jurisdiction over the isolation hospital. The hospital committee will report to the next regular meeting of the directors. There is every likelihood of the arrangement desired being made.

**Blacksmiths' Strike.**—The situation affecting the blacksmiths' strike is unchanged. The executive of the Trades and Labor council brought before the notice of the master blacksmiths the concessions offered by the union, which were that the men would return to work at prices offered by employing blacksmiths till the 4th of May—the new scale to take effect after that date. The men who returned to work at Mr. Hays' shop went back as union men at union wages.

**Went Fishing.**—A party of City Hall officials, including Gus Borde, Ed Smith, Jas. L. Raymur and Assistant City Clerk Bradley, will rise at dawn today and live themselves to the mountain fastnesses, where lies Sooke lake, there with the seductive lure to one of the finny denizens from their haunts. Special transportation facilities have been arranged for to bring the cargo of fish back to town. The party has already booked sufficient orders to exhaust the entire catch.

**May Visit Victoria.**—Mr. Henry C. Frick, millionaire steel manufacturer, and the man who once when in the coke business in Pennsylvania, tried to make the price of coke \$2 per ton to Andrew Carnegie, and who succeeded except that Carnegie would not stand for more than \$1.50, will reach the Coast on Monday next and may visit Victoria. Mr. Frick is now en route North from California, and is expected to arrive in Victoria on the 14th inst. He is accompanied by friends and will travel Eastward over the C. P. R.

**Improve School Grounds.**—Improvements of a somewhat extensive character are shortly to be made in the matter of adornment of the High school grounds. A handsome iron fence is to be erected so as to enclose the entire block on which the buildings are situated, Mr. Thomas Catterall having secured the contract. The cost of the fence will be in the neighborhood of \$400. The grounds are to be graded, also, and prepared so as to present a pretty lawn effect.

**Fake Advertising.**—Much surprise was manifested yesterday by several local merchants at the appearance of another sample of the fake advertising agent's success in "working" the gullible portion of the community—a sheet of printed paper professing to be a directory of Victoria's business houses. A Colonist reporter happened to drop into a store and found a merchant laughing at one of the sheets lying on the counter. "There's a fine sample of galls," said he. "My name appears on the list, and I told the faker I would have nothing to do with it—though he begged me to put my name down. I would not give ten cents for the whole business. It is absolutely valueless; yet the faker probably collected several hundred dollars." The gentleman quoted is one of the largest users of space in the local newspapers, and is regarded as one of the shrewdest advertisers in the city.

**Trade With Africa.**—The secretary of the Victoria Board of Trade has received a copy of the following resolution passed at a recent meeting of the Board of Trade in Vancouver: "Whereas it has been stated in the public press that a proposal for preferential treatment in the customs tariff of the African colonies in favor of the Mother Country was favorably received at the conference held at Bloemfontein; and whereas the Dominion of Canada accords such preference, not only to the Mother Country, but also to such of the colonies as will accord such preferential treatment to the products of Canada; therefore be it resolved that this board, desiring to uphold the importance of at once opening negotiations with the governments of British South Africa with the object of obtaining for Canada the benefit of a like preferential treatment as accorded to the Mother Country."

**To Amend Act.**—A committee from the Chamber of Commerce, consisting of Messrs. Carter, Kitchin, Hanna, Church, Beckwith and Henderson, waiting upon the Attorney-General yesterday morning with a view of obtaining such amendments as would permit of the Chamber registering as an incorporated body under the Benevolent Societies Act. The allusion to the Chamber as an "incorporated body" surprised the members to secure incorporation as soon as possible. The committee was assured by Hon. Mr. Eberts that the wishes of the Chamber would receive every consideration, and they retired pleased with the manner in which their representations had been received.

**Clara Hamner Co.**—"East Lynne" was presented last evening by the Clara Hamner Company to a well filled house at the A. O. U. W. Hall. Miss Llan, a member of the company, and Madame Vane gave a delightful portrayal of both characters, and showed herself an actress of ability. Walter Brooks was found as the Wronged Husband, Mr. Brooks is a good actor. The company all did well. This evening the society drama, "Forget Me Not," and on Saturday a grand family matinee will be given. The company closes their engagement Saturday night.

**Successful Social.**—A sale of work and book social was held by the members of the Congregational church in Temperance Hall last evening. The Ladies' Society, Willing Workers and Sunday school classes had separate tables, upon which were offered for sale many of the products of their hands, some of which were made by them and others donated. The results of the sale were most satisfactory, the proceeds being devoted to the new church building fund, and the books are to be added to the Sunday school library.

**Poultry Show.**—At a meeting of the Vancouver Poultry Association, it was decided to communicate with fanciers of this city and Nanaimo, and see if a circuit could not be arranged, so that a business judge could be secured at a smaller cost. The secretary was also instructed to communicate with several well known judges to see if they could act at the local show, which it is proposed to hold during the second week in January.

## VICTORIA THEATRE.

Rose Coghlan Appears in Pinero's Play "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray."

Much that has been read in magazines and newspapers regarding "The Second Mrs. Tanqueray" has been of such a conflicting nature that theatre-goers will probably be at a loss to determine the merits or demerits of Pinero's heroine, and play at the Victoria theatre on Tuesday, April 14, when Rose Coghlan will appear as Paula Tanqueray. Those who desire to judge for themselves of Olga Netherstole and Mrs. Patrick Campbell have been noticeably struck in their expressions of sympathy for the second Mrs. Tanqueray, as well as for Aubrey Tanqueray, who more than fulfills the obligations incurred by his second matrimonial venture.

## AN ASSIGNMENT.

Firm of Erskine, Wall & Co., Grocers, Suffers a Business Embarrassment.

General regret was expressed yesterday at the announcement that the well known grocery firm of Erskine, Wall & Co., had made an assignment to J. H. Lawson, sr., representing R. P. Ritchie & Co., and Chas. F. Todd of J. H. Todd & Sons. A receiver, Mr. C. Rochussen, representing Messrs. Ritchie & Co., took charge of the business yesterday afternoon.

The statement of assets and liabilities shows a considerable surplus in favor of the former, ranging in the neighborhood of \$18,000, the total assets amounting to \$40,000, this latter sum including book debts amounting to some \$18,000.

A meeting of the creditors will be held on Monday afternoon next, when an effort will be made to arrange for a continuance of the business—in the meantime the receiver will remain in charge.

The establishment was one of the largest in the district, and was formerly conducted in premises on the corner of Government and Port streets. Some three years ago a new block further down the street was built and the firm occupied the Southern section.

It is interesting to note that the embarrassment is said to be one arising out of the disaster to H. M. S. Condon, which occurred a little over a year ago, the firm losing heavily on a large lot of goods supplied for which they could not secure indemnity.

## PASSOVER FESTIVAL.

Commences Tomorrow Evening With Quaint Ancient Rites and Ceremonies.

The Passover Festival, observed annually by Israelites commences tomorrow evening and lasts for seven days. During this period the usual loaf bread is dispensed with and circular unleavened cakes called "Matzos" are substituted. The first evening's services of the festival are of a most interesting nature, the head of each Hebrew household conducting the services, called "Seder." The ritual is founded on the biblical narrative of the escape of the Jews from Egyptian bondage. The leading features of the stay in Egypt and the exodus are commemorated by many dramatic rites and ceremonies which have been handed down from remote times. For instance, symbolical dishes are used to typify the many afflictions which were endured. Bitter herbs and greens are shortly to be eaten, and a general view these afflictions whilst dishes representing brick and mortar are made to indicate the sufferings under Pharaoh's taskmasters. The "Seder" is concluded with the singing of an ancient hymn, the origin of which is lost in antiquity. This hymn, strange to say, is not in Hebrew, but is sung in Chaldean. It pictures the all-sovereignty of God, by showing that God is the final judge and arbiter over all creatures. The biblical story of the exodus is now idealized into a purely spiritual significance. The Passover is utilized as an appeal to the individual to escape from all influences tending to degrade and enslave the spirit and to rise to the full freedom of a soul's self.

Another custom of the "Seder" is that the servant on this night sits at the same table with the master in order that the Jew may not forget that he was once a slave in Egypt, and the better to enforce the recollection that the poor are equal before God, virtue being the only test of merit.

## A WARNING.

To feel tired after exertion is one thing; to feel tired before is another. Don't say the latter is laziness. It isn't; it's a sign that the system lacks vitality, is running down, and needs the tonic effect of Hood's Sarsaparilla. It's a warning, too—and sufferers should begin by taking Hood's at once. Buy a bottle today.

**Notice to the Public.**—Mr. M. H. McCabe, proprietor of the Wilson Bar, Yates street, has just installed the Port Angeles Brewing Company's Lager beer, which he is retailing at 5c. per glass. Anyone wishing a good glass of beer should not pass without sampling it.

Have you a telephone in your residence? A perfect telephone installed in 10 minutes. Time and labor saved. C. C. McKenzie, 74 Douglas street.

Just in.—F. R. Stewart & Co., of Yates street, have just received another carload of those fine oranges. Those wishing some of them may obtain them through their grocer.

Attend concert tonight, Good Friday, Emmanuel Baptist church.

Egg cups, egg stands, toast racks, salt and pepper shakers, breakfast cruets, breakfast cups and saucers and plates, etc., cheap for cash at R. A. Brown & Co.'s, 80 Douglas street.

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Seize the opportunity. Do not neglect it. "There is a time in the affairs of man, etc. Company, comfort and consolation may be obtained if you purchase at Campbell & Collis's. Go to C. & O. for C. C. & C. do you see? Seize on the suggestion. This is the right season. Cost for Government and Trounce avenue. Telephone 12.

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Cello Soloist. Violin Soloist.

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The World Renowned  
A shipment of these fine instruments just arrived, including Parlor, Chamber and two Manual Styles. We have a number of slightly used Organs of well known makes, which we offer at low prices and easy terms of payment.

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Farmers' agricultural stoves and feed boilers at Clarke & Pearson's, 17 Yates street.

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AT YOUR OWN PRICES.

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See our new regatta and negligee shirts new styles and patterns.

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# The Hospital For The Insane

## Annual Report of the Medical Superintendent in Charge of Asylum.

### Statistical Tables Relating to the Workings of the Institution.

An extremely interesting document for all who take an intelligent concern in efforts to benefit their unfortunate fellow-men, is the annual report of the New Westminster hospital for the insane, prepared by Dr. Manchester, the medical superintendent in charge, and transmitted to the legislature by the Provincial Secretary. Attached to the report are the usual statistical tables, a comparison of which with those of previous years, shows that increased numbers of patients have been dealt with, and that the work of the hospital has been extended in every direction.

Turning to the first table, it is found that the year was begun with 284 patients in residence and 8 on probation; and that 55 males and 29 females, total 121, were admitted during the year. The increase in admissions compared with the previous year shows 6, all males. Discharges numbered 61 and deaths 26, which figures are almost identical with those of the last report. The year closed with 16 patients still on probation, double the number of the previous year. The number remaining in residence at the end of the year was 311, an increase of 20 men and 7 women. This increase of 27 was the average increase of the number daily in residence, the figures of the two years being 239.56 and 266.62 respectively. The highest number present on any one day was 315, which is 5 above the nominal capacity of the institution; 30.41 per cent. of the number admitted were discharged, not including the deaths, 24.8 per cent. recovered, and 25.6 per cent. not recovered. The percentage of recoveries on admissions shows a reduction, when figures are compared with those of the previous year, but since the year closed with 16 patients still on probation, it will be seen that the reason of the reduction mentioned was the poor class of material with which the hospital had to deal. The percentage of recoveries on recoverable cases admitted, 100, which shows that, after all, the results of the year were satisfactory, all things considered. The percentage of deaths to the whole number of cases treated was 6.06, being slightly lower than in the previous year, and a fair average in comparison with that of other similar institutions.

The admissions consisted of 93 men and 29 women, of whom 94 were committed by the ordinary method, 10 by urgency forms, 4 by Lieutenant-Governor's warrant, and 13 by order of the Governor of the Yukon. No patient was admitted twice upon fresh papers, so that the 121 admissions represents that number of different individuals. Ten of those admitted had been patients here upon former occasions, the one who was out longest having been continuously absent for upwards of eight years, while 13 months covered the length of the briefest absence. The average length of the absence of the ten was three years two months and eleven days. Five others have a history of having been in other asylums, and there were likely more amongst the large number concerning whose past we remain in the dark.

In social relations, 71 were single, 37 married, 6 widowed, and 1 uncertain. In religion, there were 22 Roman Catholics, 28 Anglicans, and smaller representations of the various other denominations. From the Coast districts there were 93 admissions, as against 28 from the Interior, showing that the hospital is convenient to the chief sources of its inmates. Twenty-two patients were born in England, 18 in United States, 14 in Ontario, 9 in China and 3 in Japan, the balance being from many other countries. Altogether, there were 39 natives of Canada, of whom 10 were born in this province. Last year was recorded the fact that for 1901 there had been no admission of a native of British Columbia, so that the contrast between the two years in this regard is most striking, and would tend to show that in course of time conditions here will be the same as those prevailing now in older countries, in relation to the proportion of insane.

The various occupations of the people of the province were fairly represented, among them being nine prospectors and miners, 10 farmers and 35 unskilled laborers. In the matter of age, every period of life from 18 to 85 was represented, but middle-aged cases predominated. If, however, it were possible to trace back the history of many of the older cases, it is almost certain to be found that the primary symptoms of mental instability were manifested in the early part of life, most often during that period which is devoted by so many to the "sowing of wild oats." The harvest is always abundant, and it is a sad fact, in consequence, that by far the largest class of patients that is admitted here is composed of young single men, who have just arrived at that time of life when they should be achieving their greatest success and "making their mark in the world"; but, instead of that, are breaking up and clearly evidencing their utter mental and moral unfitness to cope with true life any longer, mostly their own fault, but often that of the parents.

The duration of insanity prior to admission in 27 cases was less than a month, in 64 other cases less than a year, but in 23 cases it was definitely known to have existed for more than a year, a fact of more than passing importance in the light of the records, which show that recovery last year from the ranks of those who had been insane for a year prior to admission. In 27 cases there was a history of insanity in the blood relatives, in 25 there was said to be, while in 69 cases reliable information on this head could not be ascertained.

"Relative to causation," says Dr. Manchester, "I have nothing new to demonstrate or remark different from what was pointed out last year. The causes are operative everywhere, namely, heredity, intemperance, syphilis and gonorrhea. They are all more or less related, the one leading up to the other, and very frequently several of these causes operative in the same individual. The causes alleged by the relatives, when they allege any at all, are often absurd, either through ignorance or wilful deception, and are not always accepted by us. Wherever possible, we try to have the real causes pointed out for the benefit of all concerned.

"Fifty cases enjoyed average bodily health upon admission, while 66 were reduced, while five were extremely reduced and almost exhausted. Two insane criminals were admitted, and four criminal insane patients. Special provisions for the insane will, I think, soon be provided, as they steadily increase in numbers. There were 13 cases of general paresis admitted, compared with 14 in the previous year; also three idiots. Thirteen patients were classified suicidal, six homicidal, and two others both suicidal and homicidal. Of the suicidal cases, three had been rescued from watery graves, and two others arrived here with severe wounds of the throat. Of the homicidal cases, one was a murderer from the Yukon, whose sentence had been commuted after his admission to prison; another was the Chinaman who committed so many murders at Ladner. Of the two who suffered from impulses of a mixed character, one had killed his daughter prior to admission, while the other made some effort at homicide after his admission.

"There were discharged during the year 61 patients, 46 men and 15 women, of whom 30 were recovered, 19 improved, and one not insane. The number of recovered was 10 less than in the previous year, which, as I have already pointed out, I consider to be due to the unusually poor material, from a recoverable point of view, which came to our hand, there being only 30 cases in the whole number admitted that were considered to have any prospects of recovery. Of the 16 men and 3 women discharged, 10 men and 2 women left the province to return to their homes or friends; four men and one woman continue to get along satisfactorily at their homes in this province; one man died shortly after his discharge, and the remaining one is now in this neighborhood, working steadily and earning his own living.

"Of the 11 discharged unimproved, five were transferred to other institutions for the insane; four others, all females, were removed by their husbands, in two cases to leave the province; two men escaped, and one, a Chinaman, was deported to China on the return trip of the vessel which had brought him out. The last matter in which the Vancouver police authorities are too lax, they do not seem to understand that it is not the wish of the government to permanently support all the foreign insane, who may be either accidentally or intentionally brought to our provincial doors, and they gather them in with never thought as to where they came from, so long as they know an easy way of getting rid of them for the time being. I should think that they ought to be instructed that it is their business to help protect the country from this kind of imposition and make inquiry into the origin of every wandering lunatic, with a view to repatriating him if possible.

In spite of the fact that every year the results of early treatment of the insane are shown to have been preponderantly superior to the delayed treatment, there remains a large portion of the people who will persist in keeping their afflicted friends at home just so long as circumstances will permit, and only when driven by dire necessity will they consent to have them placed under treatment, where their chances of recovery are so much greater than they are at home. I think that sufficient prominence is not given publicity to this fact, or better recognition of it might obtain.

Under the heading of requirements, the residential medical superintendent summarizes the pressing needs of the institution of which he has the charge as follows:

"In my last report I mentioned that the needs of an institution of this nature were often quite numerous, but that some were more urgent than others. I also intimated that I did not intend to make a long list of the shortcomings of the hospital, just to show how many there might be, but would point out what seemed to me to be urgently required to advance the work, and at the same time well within the possibility of achievement. I am more than gratified to observe that the urgent requirements pointed out in last report are all being met, and the year that has elapsed since making that report has only served to deepen my conviction that when these present improvements have been completed the results will be most beneficial.

"The principal requirement at the present time is increased accommodation for patients. The nominal capacity of the institution is 310, while we began the year with 311 patients in residence. If the same increase in numbers occurs this year as last, we shall close the year with 340 patients, which can only be done by greatly overcrowding the wards. This requirement is urgent, and the reason of the large amount of time that would be consumed in preparing plans, securing the funds, calling for tenders and awarding the contracts, another year will have passed while the increase goes steadily on, until the doors are at death's door, and the insane to be sent to the jails, which are themselves about as crowded as the asylum. I hope that this deplorable state of affairs will not come to pass, but I much fear it will unless steps are taken at once to meet the emergency. The wards in the older part of the institution are small and very ill-adapted to over-crowding. In fact, they themselves should be vacated for repairs and improvements before long and not overcrowded.

"I think that we shall have to have another building with wards, no temporary method being in view, and in the best interests of the hospital, that is what I have to recommend. There remains a very convenient and suitable site to the North of the present buildings, upon which I would suggest building a detached wing with capacity for 150 patients. It is not advisable to go on erecting these small cottages such as were last constructed, having a capacity of only 60, since the increase in two years alone would fill them. The smaller class of buildings such as we have are very useful up to a certain point, as they allow of a better classification, but when it comes to dealing with large numbers of the chronic insane, the larger buildings are more economical, and allow of all the care and attention that such cases require for their happiness and welfare.

"In looking back over the cost of the buildings that have been erected here since the first, I find that the original building of 1887, accommodating 28 patients when completed, cost \$24,000, or \$857 per bed; that of 1884, accommodating 42; cost \$26,000, or \$619 per bed; that of 1890, accommodating 56, cost \$35,000, or \$625 per bed; and those of 1897 and 1898, accommodating 75 each, cost \$40,000 each, or \$533 per bed; and all those buildings were put up cheaply (I refer to their material construction), and not at all what I trust the next building will be. Considering the figures, and the prices of materials today, I do not think that a suitable building can be constructed, such as we require, for less than \$800 per bed, which means an appropriation of about \$125,000.

"I recognize that this is a very large sum of money to ask for, but that is another course that I can see. The insane are increasing every year in this province, and so long as social conditions remain as they are, we can look for no reduction, so that there is nothing for us to do but to provide the necessary means for their care and treatment."

It is extremely gratifying to note that—in contradiction of a prevalent belief—that the percentage of insanity was higher in this province than in other parts of Canada, that quite the reverse is true. The total number of insane in Canada, according to statistics, is 10,495, or 3.1 to the thousand of population. In British Columbia the total is 259, or 1.67 to the thousand of population, the other provinces being thus accounted for:

	Per 1,000	Total, or Pop'n.
Manitoba	3.65	2,218
New Brunswick	1.054	1,454
Nova Scotia	1.25	1,020
Ontario	7.511	3,445
Prince Edw. Island	3.57	3.45
Quebec	5.245	3.18

Now is the time for "Spring Cleaning" and whatever you intend to spend little or much, we shall be glad to have your orders and will serve you well. We do not exaggerate when we say that better values are not procurable at any other store. Weiler Bros.

Several models in chamois skin are shown as novelties among the new spring hats. It requires an artistic touch, to handle this material, but when properly handled, some very chic effects are obtained.

Most of the new coats have stole ends. Pretty little turn-over collars are also here in abundance. Some have only the stole ends, or long points in front which are fastened to a narrow band that slips inside the stock. Fagotting is much used in making these stoles.

Large number of entries for Hunt Club race meet Easter Monday at Colwood park. Take E. & N. train at 1:35 p. m. Fifth Regiment band in attendance.



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## FRANCE SEEKS SLICE OF CHINA

**Sending Troops to Quell Kwang-si Rebellion With View of Seizing Territory.**

More advices have been received from the Orient by the steamer Victoria to the effect that a new crisis is threatening the Chinese government as a result of the continued success of the rebels in Kwang-si. The governor of that province, Wang Chik-chun, who is surrounded by rebels at Yichang, the provincial capital, has made the serious mistake of asking troops in Assam to crush the existing rebellion. The central government has repudiated his appeal, but notwithstanding, the French troops have gone into that country.

It is generally considered that the move is in keeping with an effort tending to territorial aggrandizement in South China, on the same lines as that of Russia in Manchuria. The French governor of Indo-China had previously informed the Chinese Foreign Office that unless they suppressed the disorders in Kwangsi, French troops would be sent to the district. How far the occupation by French forces—if it takes place—is due to the genuine difficulties of the Chinese governor, and how far to French designs remains to be seen, but the affair reads suspiciously like a repetition of the history of the French occupation of Chantaboon, in Siam.

This town, it will be remembered, was occupied by French troops under French command, but the district was not a neutral strip of territory on the Mekong river, and the French authorities stepped in to assist in the suppression of the disorders. France demanded an indemnity, and as it was not forthcoming, Chantaboon was occupied, and the district remained to all intents and purposes French.

Kwangsi is the southernmost province of China, and adjoins the French territory of Indo-China.

Boxer disturbances are reported from four or five centres in Chik-chun, and it is reported that seven soldiers and one officer of Yunan Shi Kai's forces have been killed south of Pao-ching-fu.

Boxer practices, Prince Su has issued a proclamation prohibiting the practice of incense-burning to militant idols on the ground that the practice became the chief Boxer rite in 1901.

**TWO MEN.**  
Meet With Similar Accidents. One Uses Chamberlain's Pain Balm and Gets Well—The Other Loses His Leg.

While picking peaches I jumped from a tree and alighted on an eight penny nail which was in a fallen propeller. The nail penetrated the centre in hopping to the house and drawing off my boot. I applied Chamberlain's Pain Balm and used in a few days a large bottle of it. While the wound was distressing for two or three weeks of my left foot and I had much trouble and pain for a month, my foot got sound and well.

About two weeks after my accident, a neighbor friend of mine while walking toward his house barefoot, perched his foot with a six penny nail. He applied sprays of turpentine several times, then called in a surgeon, who amputated the limb near the knee joint. My friend was for a long time at death's door, but got well, and now wears an artificial limb at a cost of one hundred dollars.

S. R. Morley, Quincy, Ky.

For wounds, bruises, burns and like injuries there is nothing better than Chamberlain's Pain Balm. It acts as an anti-septic, forming a thin, imperceptible film over the injured part, which excludes the air and causes the injury to heal without matter being formed, and in much less time than by the usual treatment. It soothes and burns it away the pain almost instantly.

## SPORTING NEWS.

### CRICKET.

Lord Hawke's team was beaten by Victoria at Melbourne, by seven wickets.

### BASEBALL.

Jim O'Rourke, of Bridgeport, Conn., is the proud claimant to the title of having played baseball longer than any other player in the world. He holds a record of thirty-one years of service on the diamond, starting out with the Mansfields, of Middletown, Conn., in 1872, and playing continuously ever since.

Bill McGuinnis was the first player to make use of a milt while watching behind the bat for Full River, in 1875. The very next year Thayer, the Harvard crack, made use of the first protection for the face, rigging up an old fencing mask to save his head from foul tips.

The Victoria team will practice this morning at the Oak Bay grounds. It was intended to have a game, but the arrangements of the road proved too strong for some of the players. Next week the team expect to begin hard drilling for the approaching match with the Victoria. Some talk of the team being strengthened by one of the best all-round players of last year's Vancouver nine, and it is understood that negotiations are now pending to secure him.

### ROWING.

James Juvinal, who beat Titus at the Harzen regatta, in 1901, is another competitor who is training for the diamond sculls. In 1902 Juvinal at the national regatta at Worcester lowered the fastest record time of the event, by one minute and thirty seconds, winning the association championship.

### GOLF.

It is now understood that the American system of deciding the amateur championship with a qualifying round first, and then match play around is to be abolished, and the English system of all match play is to be adopted at this month's meeting of the executive committee of the United States Golf Association.

The first round of the ladies' open championship was played yesterday morning in perfect weather and resulted as follows: Mrs. Langley beat Mrs. Combe after a very close contest, by one up.

Mrs. Burton, who was playing in excellent form, beat Miss Harvey by 2 up and one to play.

Miss Drake won her match with Mrs. A. W. Jones by default, as also was the case with Mrs. Martin, whose opponent, Miss Eva Loewen, was unable to play.

On Saturday morning the second round is to be played, commencing at 10:30 a. m. to 11:30 a. m. Mrs. Langley plays Mrs. Burton, and Mrs. Martin plays Miss Drake.

In the afternoon the ladies' foursomes was won by Mrs. Langley and Eva Loewen with a net score of 88, followed by Mrs. Combe and Mrs. March with 92. There were 29 entries, and the scores are as follows:

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Mrs. Langley, Miss E. Loewen, 104 12 92  
Mrs. Combe, Mrs. March, 104 12 92  
Mrs. A. W. Jones, Mrs. Martin, 103 9 94  
Miss Langley, Miss E. Loewen, 121 21 103  
Miss Drake, Miss Harvey, 90 3 90  
Miss Todd, Miss Mara, 125 21 101  
Mrs. Keppel, Mrs. Snowden, 149 24 127  
Mrs. Burton and Mrs. Langley returned no scores.

This morning the first round of the men's open championship of British Columbia starts at 9:30 to 10:30. The entries are as follows: Mr. Kirk vs. Capt. Davidson; W. F. Burton vs. C. J. Prior; A. H. Golding vs. H. Combe; C. H. Stancham vs. A. Reed; C. S. Birch vs. D. R. Irvine, the last three couples drawing lots in the first round.

The open handicap (gentlemen) starting between 10:30 a. m. and 2 p. m., in which there are 26 entries, the handicaps and competitors names being posted up in the clubhouse.

### RUGBY FOOTBALL.

The following are the names of the Junior Rugby teams that will play at the Colwood grounds this afternoon at 2 o'clock: Capital Team—Full back, G.

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Temple, three-quarters; Houghton, Johnson, Gawley, Ozden; half-backs, W. Sweeney, P. Phillips; forwards, L. Sweeney, A. Newcombe, P. Anderson; half backs, L. Foote, W. Newcombe; forwards, Jeffs, Fisher, Miller, Loat, MacCarter, A. H. Scholfield will act as referee.

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The Agonizing Pains of Rheumatism. Swollen, aching joints, muscles are stiff and sore, every movement accompanied by pain. The most potent remedy is Putnam's Nervine, which has five times the pain-subduing power of any other preparation. Apply the Nervine copiously, rub it on well and then bind in a hot flannel bandage. This will cure the worst case in a short time. Try Nervine for Rheumatism, Neuralgia, Sciatica or Lumbago. It will cure a quartet of ailments. Dr. Hamilton's Pills Cure Constipation.

# REMOVAL SALE

## Commences

# Monday, April 13th, 1903.

Owing to the increase in our business we find it necessary to seek more commodious premises, so have decided to move our stock to the building now being erected on the site of the Old Vancouver Hotel (opposite our present stand) as soon as the building is finished.

But before the time comes for our departure from our present store, we have decided to dispose of our stock at reduced prices to save moving it, and be in a position to open our New Store With a New Stock.

## Following Note a Few of the BARGAINS WE HAVE TO OFFER.

**Dress Goods.**  
Fancy Dress Goods, regular 35c. and 42c. sale price 20c. and 25c.  
Fancy Dress Goods, regular 50c. and 75c. sale price 35c. and 40c.  
Plain Dress Goods from 25c. per yard.  
Black Figured Dress Goods from 25c. per yard.  
Black Alpaca 30c. per yard. Colored Alpaca 40c. and 55c. per yard.  
54 inch Tweed (light colors) regular \$1.25, sale price 75c.  
Tweeds for Boys wear from 20c. per yard.  
Black Velvet from 15c. per yard.  
Shot Velvet, regular 75c., sale price 45c. per yard.  
Black and Navy Plush, regular 75c. and 90c., sale 25c. per yard.  
French Flannel, regular 60c., sale price 45c. per yard.  
All-wool Shillies, regular 50c., sale price 40c. per yard.  
Wrappettes, regular 15c., sale price 10c.  
Striped Flannelette reduced to 5c. per yard.  
34 inch Flannelette reduced to 8 1/2c. per yard.

34 inch Flannelette heavy, reduced to 11c. per yard.  
White Pink and Blue Flannelette from 5c. per yard.  
39 inch Flannelette Skirting, regular 20c., sale price 12 1/2c.  
Good Shirting Gingham reduced to 5c. per yard.  
Heavy Shirting Gingham reduced to 10c. and 11c. per yard.  
Cretones reduced to 8 1/2c. and 11c. per yard.  
Reversible Cretones reduced to 13c. per yard.  
42 inch Reversible Cretones, heavy, reduced to 22c. per yard.  
Grey Flannel from 11c. per yard.  
White Cotton 22 yards for \$1.00.  
Unbleached Cotton 22 yards for \$1.00.  
Men's White Merino Undershirts, regular 75c., sale price 35c.  
Men's Wool Undershirts, regular 50c. and 75c., sale 25c. and 35c.  
Bedding's Colored Button-hole Twist at 20c. per dozen.  
A range of Ladies' Sample Undervests from 5c. each.  
All our Health Brand Undervest in Ladies' and Children's at greatly reduced prices to clear.  
Ladies' and Children's Hosiery in great variety, all at reduced prices, from 8 1/2c. per pair.

Ladies' Gloves 12 1/2c. per pair.  
A line of Ladies' Kid Gloves, regular \$1.25, going at \$1.00 per pair.  
The balance of our Flannelette Blouses at half the regular price.  
Summer Blouses from 40c. each.  
The balance of our Flannelette Wrappettes at half price; \$1.50 Wrappettes for 75c.  
Ladies' Overshirts from \$2.35—all new goods and up-to-date styles.  
Sailor Hats from 5c. each.  
Sailor Hats at 20c. each, worth double the money.  
Corsets reduced in all lines. We are clearing out a line at \$2.50 for \$1.35; also a line at \$1.25 for 75c.  
Ladies' Flannelette Nightdresses from 75c. each.  
Lace Curtains from 25c. per pair.  
3 yard Lace Curtains from 65c.  
3 1/2 yard Lace Curtains from 90c.  
Flannelette Blanks 75c. per pair.  
Grey Wool Blankets from \$2.00 per pair.  
White Wool Blankets from \$2.00 per pair.  
Comfort Quilts from 50c. each.  
White Counterpanes from 65c. each.  
Colored Counterpanes from 60c. each.  
Feather Pillows from \$1.10 per pair.

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